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IDAHO SCHOOL BOARDS VOICE SUPPORT FOR IDAHO CORE STANDARDS

COEUR D'ALENE – The Idaho School Boards Association voted overwhelmingly today to support the Idaho Core Standards.

The School Boards Association now joins the Idaho Education Association, Idaho Association of School Administrators, the PTA, Idaho Business for Education and every other educational stakeholder group in stepping up in strong support of the implementation of Idaho Core Standards.

“The Idaho School Boards Association’s vote today confirms that we have widespread support across our state for the Idaho Core Standards. Parents, teachers and the business community understand we must better prepare every student for postsecondary education and the workforce. This all begins with raising our academic standards in grades K-12,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said. “Going forward, the voice of school board trustees will be critical as we work to implement these standards.”

Idaho voluntarily adopted the Common Core State Standards as Idaho’s Core Standards in mathematics and English language arts in 2011 because these standards are higher, more rigorous and comparable with any other state in the nation or country in the world. By raising the bar, Idaho can better prepare every student to be successful after high school.

Many schools start to implement the Idaho Core Standards in 2011, and all public schools are teaching to these higher academic standards this year.

Superintendent Luna attended the Idaho School Boards Association Conference in Coeur d’Alene this week and [encouraged school board trustees to pass a resolution in support of higher academic standards](#).

On Thursday, he said, “I have visited several schools across the state in recent weeks, from Sugar-Salem to Cottonwood, from Deary to Coeur d’Alene, from St. Maries to West Side and more. Every school is now implementing these higher standards. What I have seen has been nothing short of amazing: students are engaged in problem solving. They are using critical thinking skills to solve real-world problems, problems we know they will face when they get to the workforce. These standards will have a real effect on how well-prepared our students are for life after high school.”

In its resolution, the Idaho School Boards Association voiced support for the full implementation of the Idaho Core Standards according to the state’s established timeline, making a public statement of support, and urging the Legislature to fully fund the implementation and professional development for the Idaho Core Standards.

The full resolution is available online at www.idsba.org.

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